

Rhodes Tavern
601-603 15th Street and 1431 F Street, NW
Washington
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-326

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

ADDENDUM
FOLLOWS...

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
District of Columbia		Washington

HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)	HABS NO.
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)

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DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
1800-1801	Not known

SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)

Earliest commercial building (built as a tavern) remaining in downtown Washington; headquarters for British officers directing the burning of the White House; home of one of the first banks in the city and first home of firm which became Riggs National Bank.

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)

Federal

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)

Brick, covered by 20th century stucco

SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)

Originally L-shaped; approximately 40' (3-bay front) by 76' (8 bays); three stories; hipped roof.

EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE

Stone lintels in spayed voussoir-and-keystone pattern; dentilled cornice.

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)

MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

First floor extensively altered.
5 northern bays demolished 1957.

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE

Condition fair to poor. Threatened with demolition.

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)

Schwartz, Nancy B. Historic American Buildings Survey District of Columbia Catalog, 1974.
Listed on National Register of Historic Places.

COMPILER, AFFILIATION

DATE

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Addendum to:
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